

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Figure 1 has been amended to be re-identified as Figures 1A, 1B, and 1C and to include prior art legends. Figure 7 has been amended to be labeled as Figures 7A, 7B, and 7C. Figure 9 has been relabeled as Figure A and Figure B. Figure 8 has been canceled. Figures 3 and 5 have been amended to include arrows illustrating the rotating movement.

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Figure 1 (Figures 1A, 1B, and 1C) have been amended to include prior art legends. Figures 1 and 9 have been amended to separately identify each of the illustrated embodiments, i.e., re-labeling the figures as 1A, 1B, 1C, 8A, and 8B.

The Official Action is correct that the reference character "6" was used to designate both an axis and the container on page 5 of the specification. The specification has been appropriately amended to avoid this duplication.

In view of the above, it is believed that each of the drawing objections have been addressed and remedied.

The Official Action objected to the specification, stating that it was unclear how the frame was being rotated or reciprocated. Arrows have been added to Figures 3 and 5 to illustrate the rotating movement. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification on page 6, lines 5-8 and lines 19-22.

Regarding prior Figures 8 and 9, Figure 8 has been deleted and Figure 9 (now Figures 8A, 8B) make it clear that they are at the bottom in the container. Just as it is shown in, e.g., Figure 3, where the gap-shaped discharge opening with the reference number "5" is situated in the bottom, it is clear from

the description on page 7, lines 17-18 that the arms are situated inside the container, close to the bottom.

Prior claims 8, 10 were rejected under §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The previously pending claims have been replaced with new claims drafted to remedy the stated basis of rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection is solicited.

Prior claims 1, 3, and 10 have been combined to result in new independent claim 11. The remaining new claims are based on prior claims.

Claims 1-5, 8, and 10 were rejected as anticipated by REBUCCI 4,150,701. It is noted that new claim 11 corresponds to a combination of prior claims 1, 3, and 10. This recitation of the invention is believed to be both clearly novel and non-obvious.

Prior claims 6-7 were rejected as obvious over REBUCCI.

Prior claim 9 was rejected as obvious in further view of CANTENOT 4,099,633.

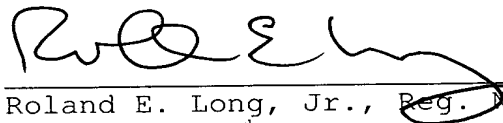
As noted above, new claim 11 is believed to be both novel and non-obvious. This is because none of the references show the recited device for a container as recited. More specifically, none of the references show such an output device with a container with a gap-shaped discharge opening.

Having amended the recitations of the invention so as to recite the invention both novel and non-obvious, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all the claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☐ - a terminal disclaimer
- ☐ - a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
- ☐ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ - Replacement Sheets for the drawing figures
- ☐ - a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- ☐ - a verified English translation of foreign priority document